April 2012

Please review the posted RAI manual for April 2012 use. Errata documents and page replacements have already been posted (see below) for this manual which is to be used starting April 1, 2012. Please note that sections K, M and O have had some adjustments. Chapters 2, 5 and 6 also have some modifications.
We anticipate some provider training to be held in various areas around the state during April –June. Those training opportunities will be posted to this site as soon as they are finalized.

RAI/MDS 3.0 Information
Some links provided in this information page will exit the OHCQ page, as they go to other sites.

RAI/MDS Items
http://www.cms.gov/NursingHomeQualityInits/45_NHQIMDS30TrainingMaterials.asp

March 12, 2012

A CORRECTED MDS 3.0 RAI Manual (v1.08) Errata document, "MDS 3.0 RAI Manual (v1.08) V3 Errata_March_12_2012" has been posted under the download section of this page. The document that was posted on March 6, 2012 contained correct information about the identified issues and resolutions; however,
the replacement pages for the manual were not updated. This errata document contains the replacement manual pages and describes and corrects seven issues that are present in the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual (v1.08), effective April 1, 2012. This document also contains updated pages from the manual that were affected by these corrections.

Section S for Maryland
Changes for Section S will only be accepted 1 time per year per new CMS requirements, no change is planned for April 2012.

Provider Educational Opportunities
The Next Open Door Forum for SNF/Long Term Care(LTC) is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2012.

CMS has made available YouTube Training Videos for MDS 3.0 on the CMS MDS 3.0 Training Materials web page.

Change in MDS Correction Policy
Effective with submissions on April 1, 2011, CMS will no longer allow facilities to modify the MDS 3.0 reason for assessment items, assessment reference date (ARD) discharge date and entry date. If a modification record is submitted attempting to change any of these items, the record will be rejected. These MDA items must be corrected by inactivating the old record and submitting a new record. Please refer to Chapter Five in the RAI Manual as revised to reflect this change.

QIES Technical Support Office (QTSO) Website
The MDS Provider User's Guide is available under the MDS 3.0 link on the QIES Technical Support Office website. This guide provides detailed information for the submission of MDS 3.0 records by nursing home and swing bed providers. There is also a webpage for Vendor MDS Information including question and answer documents from CMS/Vendor teleconferences.

A draft MDS 3.0 Quality Measure Technical User's Manual is available on the CMS MDS 3.0 Technical Information web page.

Important MDS 3.0 Update Required:(Posted 02/27/2012)
MDS 3.0 requires new items on assessments with a Target Date of 04/01/2012 and later. Failure to upgrade your software will result in fatal errors. Contact your software vendor for a software upgrade prior to encoding assessments with a Target Date of 04/01/2012 and later. The enhanced software should incorporate the changes contained in the MDS 3.0 Submission Specs V1.10.1.j

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Allowing Physician Assistants to Perform Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Level of Care Certifications and Recertification's CMS Transmittal #R153BP

Issue Date 01/13/2012
Implementation Date 02/13/2012
CR # 7701
Publication # 100-02
MM Article # MM7701
MM Article Release Date 01/18/2012

I. SUMMARY OF CHANGES: Pub 100-02, Chapter 8, section 40.1 is being revised to add physician assistants to the list of practitioners that can perform the required initial certification and periodic recertifications of the need for an SNF level of care.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective with items and services furnished on or after January 1, 2011, consistent with section 3108 of the Affordable Care Act.

PROVIDER SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION FAQ
DECLARED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES
ALL HAZARDS HEALTH STANDARDS AND QUALITY ISSUES

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RAI/MDS Items
CMS has posted a revised MDS 3.0 RAI Manual on June 2, 2011 and Section M and Appendix A were updated
in July 2011. The RAI manual is available as a zip file and contains the complete manual and all chapters/sections/appendices/title page/table of contents and forms.

Draft MDS 3.0 Item Subsets (forms) that are planned to be implemented October 1, 2011 are available on the CMS MDS 3.0Technical Information web page.
VIVE- Video on Interviewing Vulnerable Elders- was funded by the Picker Institute and produced by the UCLA/JH Borun Center.

Section S for Maryland
An update for Section S in Maryland will be released for implementation in October 2011

Provider Educational Opportunities
On August 23, 2011, CMS will host a National Provider Call on Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System Fiscal Year 2012 Policy Changes Relating to the Minimum Data Set Version 3.0.

CMS has made available YouTube Training Videos for MDS 3.0 on the CMS MDS 3.0

CMS hosted National Provider Calls to provide information on Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Resource Utilization Group-Version 4 (RUG-IV). Information on these calls including audio of previous calls is available on the CMS SNF PPS

Technical Resources
Change from AT&T to Verizon for connecting nursing homes and home health agencies to the MDS and OASIS Systems expected by October 1, 2011. Verizon will be providing a clientless access solution that does not require installing software.

Only OBRA and Medicare PPS Assessments Allowed to be Submitted
On the January, 2011 SNF Open Door Forum conference call, CMS explained only MDS 3.0 assessments that are OBRA assessments or Medicare Part APPS assessments should be submitted to the QIES ASAP MDS System. Assessments completed for Medicare Advantage Plans or for other insurance purposes should not be submitted. CMS identified this as a change from MDS 2.0, which allowed submission of all MDS assessments. Vendors may attempt to provide support software to assist providers in managing this process.
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 MDS 3.0 Section Q Implementation - Questions and Answers from December 22, 2010 and September 22, 2010

CMS has published the MDS Transition Document. Click here to download a copy...

MDS 3.0 implemented on October 1, 2010

Questions on the New Process??????????
Please submit questions to: ohcq.web@maryland.gov

Q and A's will be posted to this site
Introducing Section S!
For the first time Maryland will have a mandated Section S. The purpose of this section is to obtain statistical information. Click here to see the form.

FIPS County Codes

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FIPS Code	County Name
001	Allegany
003	Anne Arundel
005	Baltimore
009	Calvert
011	Caroline
013	Carroll
015	Cecil
017	Charles
019	Dorchester
021	Frederick
023	Garrett
025	Harford
027	Howard
029	Kent
031	Montgomery
033	Prince George's
035	Queen Anne's
037	St. Mary's
039	Somerset
041	Talbot
043	Washington
045	Wicomico
047	Worcester
510	Baltimore City
999	Out of State

"FAQ and CMS Clarifications- MDS 3.0 is evolving-- the items are current as of the date they are posted. Please check back for updates. Every effort will made to ensure information is accurate.

Interviews:
At this time CMS has clarified that each interview is applicable to only one assessment. For example, a 5 day PPS assessment interview is done on day 7 and the admission assessment has an ARD on day 13. Even
though the prior interview is in the 7 day look-back their should be 2 sets of interviews, one for each assessment. CMS clarification: Attempt to conduct interviews with all residents regardless of item scoring at B700. While a resident might be rarely or never understood, he or she may be able to answer questions at the point in time interview.

Section A:
A1000- Ask the resident or responsible party to determine the appropriate race/ethnicity category. You may check more than one item.

A2400- Medicare Stay- the start date of the Medicare stay is the date the Medicare started in the FACILITY. Hospital stays or stays in other facilities are not considered. Only Medicare stays starting on or after January 1, 2010 should be included.
Section F:
This section is found on comprehensive assessments only.
Section G:
Count the ADL tasks only if completed by facility staff.

2) Section Q Referral Information: Read transmittal and get a copy of the form